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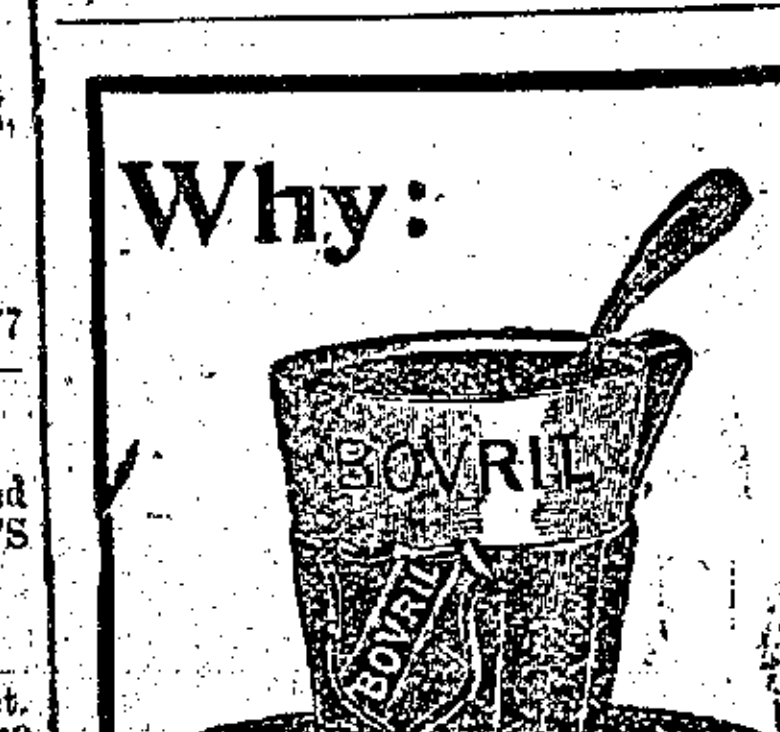
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 Noon.—Meeting of the A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., in the Board Room, at the Hongkong Dispensary.  
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 THURSDAY, May 23.  
 Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd., at No. 5, Queen's Road Central.  
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HONGKONG, May 20, 1901.

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On Paris	2/4 1/2
On demand	2/52
On Berlin—Demand	2/0 1/2
On New York	48
On demand	48
Credit, 60 days sight	49
On Bombay	147 1/2
On demand	148
On Calcutta	147 1/2
On demand	148
On Singapore	1 1/2 pm.
On Manila	2 1/2 pm.
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On demand	73 1/2
30 days sight (private paper)	73 1/2
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## MARRIAGES.

At the British Consulate, Shanghai, on the 11th May, FREDERICK WILLIAM ROWLAND, I. M. Customs, Shanghai, to ELIZABETH MARIE TURNER, of Hongkong.

On the 8th May, at Newchwang, JOHN C. MARTIN to MARIE ALEXANDRA HEUVEKAMP.

On the 14th May, at H.B.M. Consulate, Shanghai, afterwards at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., JAMES HECTOR WATTS, U.M.G., of Tientsin, to SALOME LOUISA, eldest daughter of Osborne and Salome Elizabeth Middleton, of Shanghai.

## DEATH.

On the 17th May, at 6.30 p.m., at Kennedy Town Hospital, JAMES CUMMISKEY, aged 28 years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.30 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 20, 1901.

## Editorial Comment.

Since the publication of our editorial comments on this subject in Saturday's issue, we have received several communications bearing on the alteration of lead lines in British vessels.

Our remarks on Saturday were directed to prove, from the information then before us, that the owners of the *Telenachus* had done nothing illegal in altering the Plimsoll mark of that vessel. We understand that there is considerable difference of opinion on that point in local shipping circles, however; and we have been referred to the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of April 11, 1891, which contains a good deal of information on the subject led down for local guidance. How the Hongkong laws stand, we are not quite certain, as the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance No. 26 of 1899 has not, we are informed, received the sanction of the Home Authorities. In April, 1891, Capt. Hastings, then Acting Harbour Master, called upon all ship-owners to take steps to mark their ships in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Act, 1890, and to apply for "Certificates of Approval" from the "Board of Trade" Officer. That was in accordance with Capt. Hastings' reading of the Act, but we are informed that there is no official in the Colony empowered to mark the Board of Trade lead-line or to grant Board of Trade lead-line certificates. If this is so, then an extraordinary anomaly has been permitted through the laxity of some Government Department, and it is time the whole question was threshed out and the omission rectified.

The all-important section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1890, is Section 25, which reads: "Any owner or master of a British ship who neglects to cause his ship to be marked as by this Act required, or to keep her so marked, or who allows the ship to be so loaded as to submerge in salt water the centre of the disc, and any person who conceals, removes, alters, defaces, or obliterate, or suffers any person under his control to conceal, remove, alter, deface, or obliterate any of the said marks except in the event of the particulars thereby denoted being lawfully altered, or except for the purpose of escaping capture by an enemy, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds. If any of the marks required by this Act is in any respect inaccurate, so as to be likely to mislead, the owner of the ship shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds." In their "Instructions to Officers in British Possessions Abroad," after quoting the above Section, the Board of Trade say: "The provisions of the Act of 1890 so far as they concern the issue of Certificates of Approval of the position of lead-line discs in the case of ships registered in the United Kingdom come into operation at the expiration of six months after the passing of the Act, i.e., on the 9th December, 1890; and in the case of ships registered in British Possessions, at the expiration of twelve months after the passing of the Act, i.e., on the 9th June, 1891." Section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Act is as follows: "Where the legislature of any British possession by any enactment provides for the fixing, marking, and certifying of lead-lines on ships registered in that possession, and it appears to Her Majesty the Queen that the provisions of that enactment are based on the same principles as the provisions of this Act, and are equally effective for ascertaining and determining the maximum load-line to which such ships can be safely loaded in salt water, and for giving notice of the load-line to persons interested, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to declare that any load-line fixed and marked on any certificate given in pursuance of that enactment shall, with respect to the ships so registered, have the same effect as if it had been fixed, marked, or given in pursuance of this Act."

Unless, therefore, there is some local law which takes a Hongkong-registered vessel out of the provisions of the above-quoted Act, it would seem that some action by the Harbour Department should be forthcoming in the *Telenachus* case if for no other purpose than to have a decision on the point. It would be interesting to know if lead-lines were affixed to locally-built vessels, and, if so, by whom, and under what authority?

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.  
 Chinese brigands are still active in the neighbourhood of Tientsin.

The demolition of the Taku forts will be commenced very shortly.

Mr U. Farroll has been temporarily appointed an Inspector of Nuisances.

The Chinese Salt Customs is to be reorganised, it is said, on the Customs model.

The exportation of arms from the Colony is prohibited for a further period of six months.

The Imperial Chinese physicians and makers of medicines and other workers have been ordered to Hsian.

The Shanghai A.D.C. has put "His Excellency the Governor" in rehearsal. The first performance is fixed for 1st June.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize Mr W. A. Rublee as Consul-General at Hongkong for the United States.

Two fine snakes were caught recently at the West Hongkong Police station, Shanghai. They were five ft. and six ft. long respectively.

The Water Account for the year 1900 shows a surplus revenue of \$28,053.95. The total sum realised by rates was \$107,781.95.

The etiquette to be observed at future audiences with the Emperor of China has been settled. This is satisfactory, but where is the Emperor?

Whit Monday (27th inst.) is to be observed as a holiday in the Government Offices. The Police Magistrate's Department is excluded from participating in the holiday.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that ships conveying Chinese passengers will not be allowed to carry them on the upper or weather deck, between 1st June and the 15th October inclusive.

Commander W. C. Pakenham took over command of H.M.S. *Daphne* on the 15th inst. in succession to Commander C. W. Winnington-Ingram, brother of the new Bishop of London, who leaves for England on the P. & O. steamer *Bengal*.

By proclamation published in the *Gazette* it is intimated that the Ordinance to secure, in certain cases, the rights of property in telegraphic messages, and to prevent the forgery and improper disclosure of telegrams, came into force on 20th May.

To-day, on the motion of Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr E. C. Pontifex was approved, admitted and enrolled as a solicitor and procurator of the Supreme Court of Hongkong. He was admitted to practice on 17th May, 1899. The usual affidavit of identification was submitted by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The Japanese Premiership.  
 It was learnt at Kobe on the 10th inst. that Marquis Ito's resignation was accepted, and Marquis Saionji was appointed Premier with Count Inoue as Finance Minister. Most of the members of the late Cabinet are expected to resume office.

## 'Lucky Jim.'

The *N.-O. Daily News* of the 15th inst. says: "A very pretty wedding took place yesterday at Trinity Cathedral, when the Rev. H. C. Hodges united in marriage Mr J. J. Watts, C.M.G., of Tientsin, and Miss Middleton, eldest daughter of Mr Osborne Middleton, of Shanghai. There were many to wish the young couple happiness. The first intimation Mr Watts received of his latest decoration came from the *Shanghai Mercury* as the marriage ceremony was concluded.

## Maritime Disasters.

The Bureau Veritas list of maritime disasters reported during the month of February, 1901, concerning all flags, gives particulars of 64 sailers and 16 steamers reported lost. Of the sailers, 10 were American, 2 Austrian, 12 Brazilian, 16 British, 1 Danish, 7 French, 1 German, 2 Italian, 8 Norwegian, 1 Portuguese, 2 Russian and 2 Swedish. In the number are included two vessels reported missing. Of the steamers reported lost 1 was American, 9 were British, 2 German, 1 Greek, 1 Italian, and 2 Spanish. In this number are included two steamers reported missing. In all, 283 vessels were surveyed and classed by the Bureau Veritas from February 20 up to March 19, 1901, and of these 92 were steamers and 191 sailing vessels.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon:—U.S.S. *Bennington*, *Compania del Filipine*, *Burnside*, *Athenian*, *Mendo*, U.S.S. *Newark*, *Starn*, *Kiang Tong*, *Union*, *Glenglynn*, H.M.S. *Gloria*, *Progreso*, *Talcheong*, *Competition*, *Colonies*, *Petria*, *Berginius*, *Simongan*.

At Aberdeen:—*Anping Maru*, *Victoria*.

## Andrew Carnegie's Benefactions.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Return of Indian Troops.  
 According to advices from Tientsin the Bikanir and Uluwer were to embark at Taku last week for India. The 28th Madras Infantry were also expected to leave about the same time.

## The Board of Examiners.

Mr E. A. Irving has been appointed a member of and Secretary to the Board of Examiners. Rev. H. R. Wells has also been made a member during the absence from the Colony of Rev. T. W. Pearce.

## Trolley Traffic.

Regulations have been made to the effect that no cart, truck, van or trolley shall be used between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. without a written permit from Captain May, in Queen's Road Central between Queen Victoria Street and Murray Road, nor in Ice House Street. They are not to be used at all in Battery Path.

## Mortality Returns.

The return of deaths in the Colony for April shows a total of 507 deaths, of which 33 were in the European and Foreign community (21 Civil, 11 Army, 1 Navy), and the remainder in the Chinese community. Chest affections claimed 101, and fevers 173, including 36 from malaria, 19 from small-pox, and 113 from plague.

## Turkey and the Powers.

What is the meaning of the Sultan of Turkey's deliberate insult to all the Christian Powers? asks the *N.-O. Daily News*. And how is it that it coincides with a mission to the Mahomedans in China? Is there to be a general Mahomedan uprising against Christendom, of which we have heard rumours lately, or is there nothing serious behind it?

## The Franco-Chinese Frontier.

The *Courier d'Haiphong* expresses satisfaction over the appointment of a Frenchman, M. Fougerat, to take charge of the Chinese Customs at Lungchow. It may be mentioned in this connection that, similarly, a British subject is always appointed to the Kowloon Commissionership. M. Culford, vice-consul at Pakhoi, is appointed French Consul at Lungchow.

## Capt. Jackson, of the 'Loosok.'

The *Bangkok Times* of the 4th inst. says: "To-day Bangkok had perforce to say good-bye to Captain J. B. Jackson of the *a.s. Loosok*, and it has done so with very much regret. He leaves the vessel on his arrival at Hongkong, and with Mrs Jackson and their children, goes home to England. As he has been out some twenty-three years, he certainly deserves the change, but the genial skipper of the *Loosok* has been a well-known figure in Bangkok for so many years, and has so many friends here that his departure has evoked a feeling of real regret as well as sincere good wishes for his future."

## Racing News.

The *N.-O. Daily News* says: "The experience gained from the introduction of Waters at the past meeting, as to their selection, sex, age, height, and the weights they should carry, has considerably interested a great many members of the Race Club in view of a further batch of horses being procured for the next meeting, and as the 'pessing' of the purchases in Australia has every prospect of being in most competent hands, it is most important that all interested should attend the meeting at the Grand Stand this evening at 6.30 o'clock. Already a number of names appear on the list of subscribers, and, as *Sport and Gossip* remarked: 'There is one thing to remember: putting one's name down for a horse for next fall; he may be a race horse, a hunter, or a hack, or he may be useful between the shafts. It is pretty safe to say that in one biller or the other he will be worth his original cost.'

## The Proposed Formosan Lottery.

The Tokio correspondent of the *Nagasaki Press* writes: "It is stated on the most reliable authority that the Formosan administration will adopt a Government lottery, the sanction for which, it is said, was obtained at a recent Cabinet meeting. The reasons given for the establishment of the lottery are that the Manila lottery has been abolished since the U.S. Government assumed administrative power in the Philippine Islands; that there is a great demand for a lottery among the Chinese population of Formosa, which is evoked by petty gambling of all sorts; and that there is every prospect of hard cash being attracted from the opposite shores of Amoy. The Government's expenses in this respect are estimated at one million yen per annum, after all the working expenses have been deducted. In all probability, the Bank of Formosa will be entrusted with the management of the lottery. It appears that the Government is determined to adopt a different policy towards Formosa, but seeing that lotteries are prohibited in the main island, it seems odd that the Government should countenance the scheme. No doubt financial stringency is at the bottom of the affair. None the less, it is to be regretted that the authorities are driven to such desperate straits."

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

News from the Philippines.  
 A Government nautical school will be opened at Manila on the 1st July.

Two officers concerned in the Comissary Scandals at Manila have been incarcerated.

General Lacuna, with his whole command, is expected to surrender to General Funston at Pampanga.

Sylvester C. Fletcher, a civilian employee of the Comissary, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for larceny.

Arrangements are being made for the formation of an Electric Tramway Co. in Manila. In this respect, Manila promises to get ahead of Hongkong.

There are between 400 and 500 'beach-combers' in Manila—mostly volunteers who have taken their discharge in the hope of getting employment in the East.

A Comissary sergeant has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to be dishonourably discharged from the army, for improperly disposing of army stores.

Manila folks are getting more alarmed over the plague than we are in Hongkong. One newspaper advises the U.S. authorities to adopt the most stringent measures against this port in order to prevent the spread of the disease to the Philippines. In the week 92 deaths occurred from plague here, whereas Hongkong had declared quarantine against Manila, it was pointed out that Manila had not retaliated against Hongkong.

## A Stock Exchange has been established

in Manila, through the instrumentality of Messrs W. A. Fitton and John T. Macleod. The *Manila Times* says: "For the present fifty chairs only will be sold at a cost of \$200 Mex. each. The annual subscription will be \$100 each. Forty subscriptions for chairs have already been received from the leading firms and business men, and it has been decided to start the Exchange at once with this number. The list has been closed, and a meeting of chair-holders will be held to frame rules and by-laws, elect officers, etc. In the matter of this commercial exchange Manila will be ahead of all other cities in the Far East. Its importance to the commercial men of the city cannot be over estimated as it will greatly facilitate the transaction of business. Its formation signals the rising importance of Manila as a commercial centre."

## An Erratic 'Star.'

Yesterday, about noon, the *Guiding Star*, belonging to the Star Ferry Co., Limited, took command and carried out a series of evolutions at the Kowloon Wharf calculated to make the shareholders wonder if this ferry launch is quite safe. It is reported that she is a difficult launch to steer. Yesterday, she rammed the guiding piles, went through and crushed two or three sampans, throwing the people into the water and creating a little sensation. All the people were saved, and the launch was taken off the run for the remainder of the day.

## Death of an ex-Siamese Official.

We regret (says the *Bangkok Times*) to have to record the death of Mr R. J. Kirkpatrick, who till recently held the position of Legal Adviser to the Siamese Government. The sad news was received by Mr Rolin-Jacquemyns at Colombo. Mr Kirkpatrick was a Belgian lawyer, and he came out to Siam in 1894 to take up the duties of assistant legal adviser, being subsequently appointed to the higher position. In May, 1896, he married Miss Rolin-Jacquemyns. Over two years ago his health failed, and he had to leave the country, going first to Cairo and afterwards visiting the best German health resorts. By this means his life was prolonged, but there was never much hope of a complete recovery. The end was in fact not unexpected by his friends here, but his death at so early an age is none the less a matter of deep regret.

## Aguinado's Oath.

The oath taken by Aguinado at Malacan before Chief Justice Arellano and General MacArthur was as follows:—"I, Emilio Aguinaldo, hereby renounce all allegiance to any and all so-called revolutionary governments in the Philippine Islands, and recognize and accept the supreme authority of the United States of America therein; I do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to that Government; that I will at all times conduct myself as a faithful and law-abiding citizen of the said islands, and will not either directly or indirectly, hold correspondence with or give intelligence to an enemy of the United States, nor will I aid, harbor, or protect such enemy; that I impose upon myself these voluntary obligations without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion, so help me God."

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## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]  
 ARMY REFORM.  
 LONDON, 17th May.  
 The House of Commons has adopted Mr Brodrick's resolution approving the military proposals of the Government. The House rejected Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's amendment that the Government's proposals were unsuited to the wants of the Empire, and an undue increase of armaments which might be provocative. Some of the Unionists abstained from the voting, which was on strictly party lines.

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It was reported that Mr Fritchard Morgan is the moving spirit of the syndicate that has made the recent loan to Corea.

The Japanese are to be paid \$600,000 for their property that was destroyed in the anti-plague crusade at Houndou, in three annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent.

There was a financial panic at Tokio on the 6th inst., and a run on several of the banks. The Kansai Baiyoki Kaisha has been obliged to suspend business, with liabilities of a million yen or more.

The *Japan Mail* says that the strenuous efforts that are being made to get rid of Mr McLeavy Brown indicate that the new Korean loan cannot be finally put through unless the Customs receipts which are now under his control can be secured.

Some difficulty is being experienced in forming a new cabinet, as Marquis Ito is president of the Constitutional Society, which commands an absolute majority in the House of Representatives, and Marquis Saionji, a possible alternative, is in feeble health.

## A 'Busted' Laundry.

The Shanghai Steam Laundry Co., Limited, is at an end, the ground, plant and buildings being offered for sale as a going concern. The land is stated to have cost the Company Tls. 7000, the buildings Tls. 7000, and the plant about Tls. 20,000.

## Shanghai Chamber of Commerce.

The following gentlemen have been elected to the Committee of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce:—Messrs. H. M. Bavis, J. Chapsal, W. Drosmeier, C. J. Dudgeon, E. A. Hewett, R. Inglis, W. D. Little, C. Michels, J. L. Scott, E. von Warncke, A. Wright, and J. S. Fearon.

## America and the Far East.

The Eastern Shipbuilding Company, of New London, Conn., is now constructing in its new yard on the east bank of the Thames River, two vessels which will have a greater tonnage and displacement than the mammoth *Celtic*, recently launched at Belfast, Ireland. These large vessels (says the *Manila Times*) are being built for the Great Northern Steamship Company, of which James J. Hill is president, and will ply between Seattle and the Orient, their route being probably by way of Yokohama and Hongkong to Manila, a journey of about 6,500 miles. "The Great Northern steamships will be much deeper and fuller than the *Celtic*. They will have a tonnage of 21,000, and a displacement of 38,400 tons, against 30,700 tons extreme displacement of the *Celtic*. The American-built vessels are of the same type as the White Star liner, but will carry first, second and third-class passengers, besides a large number in the steerage. Their passenger capacity will be quite equal to that of the *Celtic*, and their coal cargo capacity will be slightly larger."

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—  
 On the 20th at 12.10p. The barometer has fallen on the China coast, particularly in the North. A depression appears to be moving Eastwards over N. China. Gradients slight, with light variable winds in S. China. Forecast:—raining squalls; light; fine.

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"I am glad to say that the numerical strength of the Corps has attained the highly creditable total of 350 of all ranks, a strength that I hope may be maintained, but I think, need not be increased."  
 "The Engineer Company, has done specially useful work in assisting the Royal Engineers in working the Electric Light Installation. Mr. M. Mould, I think, speaks very highly of the attainments of some of the men, but of others he says they have put in very few attendances and require more training





60 Chinese.  
 Per *Hongwan I*, from Singapore, Mr. Patti, and 650 Chinese.  
 Per *Kulsing*, from Sourabaya, Mr. Macpherson.  
 Per *Natal*, for Hong Kong, from Bombay, 1st D. Kolliver; 1stm Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard and 2 children; from Singapore, Mr. A. de Longa and Lieut. Stentzberg; from Saigon, Mrs. Mommy and child, and 48 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Elita* *News* reports: Fine weather up to May 17th, strong N.E. breeze and rough sea on the 18th.

The British steamer *Gladwin* reports: Moderate winds and fine weather to Cap. Lock; thence to port, strong N.E. wind and rough sea.

